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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ELECTRONIC TRADING THAT PERMIT PRINCIPAL/BROKER TRADING

Abstract Of The Disclosure

[0059] Electronic trading systems and methods which facilitate principal/broker trading are provided. In a first aspect of the invention, a database relating to trading participants in the trading system is designed to indicate which traders utilize a principal/broker relationship and what, if any, limitations are placed on the activity of the broker, trading commands submitted by the broker, and counterparties in a transaction with the broker. In another aspect of the invention, trading commands and executed trades involving principals/brokers may be presented to other traders using special designations. The ability to enter certain trading commands by, and in response to, brokers may be limited. In a further aspect of the invention, anonymous trading features may prevent traders from knowing whether another trader is a broker or principal, may restrict traders from being able to block trading with brokers, and may

permit brokers to configure anonymous trading parameters.